



**Mr. Gilles DE KERCHOVE,  
Director of Counter-Terrorism Coordination, Council of the EU**

Mr. Gilles de KERCHOVE was appointed EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator on 19 September 2007. In this function, he coordinates the work of the European Union in the field of counter-terrorism, maintains an overview of all the instruments at the Union's disposal, closely monitors the implementation of the EU counter-terrorism strategy and fosters better communication between the EU and third Countries to ensure that the Union plays an active role in the fight against terrorism. Before that he was Director for Justice and Home Affairs at the Council Secretariat.

He is also a European law professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, the Free University of Brussels and at the Université Saint Louis-Brussels.

He was deputy secretary of the convention that drafted the charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union from 1999 to 2000.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 1995-2007 Director for Justice and Home Affairs at the EU Council General Secretariat
- 1999-2000 Deputy Secretary of the Convention which drafted the Charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union
- 1993-1995 Head of the Private Office of the deputy Prime-Minister of the Federal Government of Belgium, Minister of Justice and Minister of Economic Affairs
- 1989-1992 Head of the Private Office of the deputy Prime-Minister of the Federal Government of Belgium, Minister of Justice and Minister of Small and Medium-sized enterprises
- 1986-1988 Secretary of the Government of the Walloon Region
- 1985 Administrator in the European Commission (DG Competition)
- 1979-1983 Teaching assistant, Catholic University of Louvain Law School

He has published a number of books on European law, human rights, security and counter terrorism.